

**Grade 5 Theme 1 Story 3**  
**“Yang the Third and Her Impossible Family”**

**LA.A.1.2.3 Vocabulary pg. 75**

1. Read this sentence from the story.

**She absently ran her finger across the horsehair of her viola bow and some of the resin flew up in a fine powder.**

Which word has almost the same meaning as *absently*?

- A. carefully  
(incorrect meaning of word)
- B. watchfully  
(incorrect meaning of word)
- C. attentively  
(incorrect meaning of word)
- D. thoughtlessly\*

**LA.E.1.2.3 Similarities and Differences pg. 78**

2. Which words BEST describe Mary’s feeling when Mrs. Hanson calls?

- A. torn but polite\*
- B. curious but happy  
(incorrect contrast)
- C. concerned but sad  
(plausible but incorrect response based on text)
- D. worried but confident  
(incorrect contrast)

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**LA.E.1.2.2 Plot/Conflict pg. 79**

3. Which problem did Mary expect to have when Mrs. Hanson and Holly came over?
- A. Holly would be angry with her.  
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)
  - B. Fourth brother would embarrass her.  
(inference /conclusion not appropriate to text)
  - C. Her parents would find out about the kitten. \*
  - D. Her mother would make mistakes on the piano.  
(plausible but incorrect based on the text)

**LA.E.2.2.1 Cause and Effect pg. 81**

4. What is the MAIN reason that everyone clapped politely at the end of Holly’s practice audition?
- A. To be polite and not hurt her feelings.\*
  - B. To show her that she did a great job.  
(incorrect cause)
  - C. To show Mary’s mother that she did a great job.  
(plausible but incorrect response based on text)
  - D. To show her that her heart wasn’t in the music.  
(incorrect cause)

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**LA.A.2.2.1 Main Idea pg. 84**

5. What is the MOST important lesson that Mary learns?
- A. Being different should not embarrass you. \*
  - B. Chinese and Americans feel differently about pets.  
(facts/details from the passage that are not main ideas)
  - C. Do not be jealous of your friends and their families.  
(plausible but incorrect response based on the text)
  - D. Mothers have to spend their time cooking and feeding their families.  
(fact /details from the passage but are not significant)

**LA.A.2.2.2 Author’s Purpose pg. 84**

6. What was the author’s purpose in writing this story?
- A. To teach readers about the importance of music.  
(incorrect interpretation of author’s purpose)
  - B. To inform readers how hard it is to adjust to a new culture.\*
  - C. To tell the readers how Americans feel about Chinese people.  
(facts/detail that does not represent the author’s purpose)
  - D. To make readers aware that they should not be ashamed of their mothers.  
(fact/detail that does not represent author’s purpose)